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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TRUNK DESIGN OPTIMIZATION FOR PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK", Attorney Docket No. P21504, (SBC File No. SS00304), the specification of which:

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including the claims,		erstand the contents of the above dment referred to above. I hereby a No. above, if required.		
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Prior U.S. or PCT International Application(s):

(Check one)	<ul><li>X no such applications filed</li><li>such applications identified as follows:</li></ul>			
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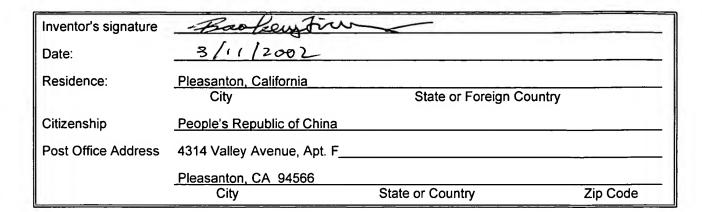
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